

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

THE AUTUMN OUTLOOK FOR REAL ESTATE.

The last have been some signs of renewed life in the real estate market in the last ten days. The business is still held in the bonds of summer during which it did not come under the regulations last year. They have been approved by the State Civil Service Commission, as is now required, they are very simple, and I believe that they will accomplish the purpose for which they are intended.

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A RELIC OF THE RELIEF EXPEDITION.

The body of a large polar bear, killed by Ensign Harlow, of the relief of Thetis, shortly before the survivors of the Greely expedition were discovered, is now in the possession of C. C. Sharpe, the fur dealer at No. 102 Prince-st. The skin of the bear is to be made into a rug. The head, tail, and jaws are retained and the general appearance of the animal made as lifelike as possible. The jaws will be wide open, the tongue protruding and the head drawn back in a threatening attitude. With the exception of the glass eyes and the costly plating nothing artificial will be used in the preparation of the final field. The bear, although only a cub of two years, is unusually large, measuring four and eight feet in length, and is of fine quality and an almost snowy whiteness.

Mr. Sharpe says that to make the bear's skin into a rug is more difficult than to stuff it. He has chosen this method of showing it with the art of taxidermy. The bear will be on exhibition to the public at Sharpe's on Monday and then for one day only. The Government will take charge of the rug after Mr. Sharpe completes the work and will send it to the Cincinnati Exposition, which takes place next month; thence to the Louisville Exposition, and from there to the World's Fair at New-York, where it will be on exhibition during most of the winter. The curiosities will be kept permanently in the Smithsonian Institute.

There are also to be seen at Mr. Sharpe's a dozen handsome deer heads brought home by Ensign Harlow from his Northern voyage.

ROBBED BY THEIR BOOKKEEPER.

Horace Swanson, the bookkeeper for J. W. Moore & Co., flour and grain merchants, at No. 44 Franklin-st., has not been seen for several days. "The reason is," said Mr. Moore, yesterday, to a *TRIBUNE* reporter, "as we discovered that he had been embezzling our funds to the extent of \$10,000, we had him suspended from his office, and I had just returned from the city and asked him for a trial balance. He got it ready for me and, as I can through it, I saw there was something wrong. Swanson was very much excited and nervous. He asked if we had found anything wrong, and I told him that we had not, and in his accounts about \$9,000, or a few thousand dollars, which he admitted that he was able to save as we have been able to prove is \$8,250. We told him that we intended to prosecute him, and he immediately skipped out."

BROOKLYN.

"The Legal Murder of Alexander Jefferson" will be discussed this evening by the Rev. Dr. J. A. Gloucester, at the Fleet Street African Methodist Church. The steamboat Sylvan Grove and the tug D. J. P. were recently libeled in the United States Court by William Wall, a bumble-beat, to recover \$15,000 or \$20,000 damages. The tug was spent in busily saving a small boat, and the rest was spent in fast living. It does not affect our finances, as the damage extended over several years. I have \$100,000 in the business besides the capital of the junior partners."

Swanson's present abiding place is unknown, but if discovered he will be arrested and prosecuted by the law.

NEWS FROM THE SUBURBS.

JERSEY CITY.

Thomas Fair, an alleged thief, was arrested on Friday night. He had fifteen pawn tickets, representing gold and silver watches, chains and other jewelry.

John Reilly, who was stabbed by James B. Nugent nearly a month ago, was discharged from the hospital yesterday and entered a formal complaint against Nugent in a police court.

The contract for building the Pennsylvania Railroad ferry house has been awarded to Codiro & Saylor of Philadelphia.

The Hudson County Prohibition Convention met in an old church building at Sixth and Erie st. on Friday night. There were thirty-seven men present, the majority being ministers. The convention was called to order by Stephen B. Hanson and prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Hancock. W. A. Greenwood presided and speeches were made by President Davidson, the Rev. Dr. Fitzgerald, William T. Howe, of Hoboken, and others.

NEWARK.

The special committee of the Common Council to investigate the charges of Isaac D. Guyer, president of a gas company chartered in New York, that he has been approached with an offer to give him the votes of sixteen Aldermen sufficient to give him the gas contract, and the city for \$60,000, had a conference yesterday with the City Council. It was decided to give Mr. Guyer and all others a full opportunity to be heard on the question.

OTHER TOWNS IN NEW-JERSEY.

MONCLAIR.—The Children's Home was robbed on Friday of a large quantity of winter clothing and \$10 by a sneak and thief. A delegation of the Reform Club visited Clinton on Friday night and organized a reform meeting. A Harvard Home "annex" will be held at the Upper Montclair Congregational Church on Saturday.

CALDWELL.—A full dress hop was given at the Caldwell House last evening and was attended by the Grover and Bell brothers and visitors from New-York, Newark, Orange and Montclair. The grounds were illuminated with Chinese lanterns, and the interior of the hotel was decorated with flowers.

LONG ISLAND.

LONG ISLAND CITY.—Coroner Robinson yesterday received a letter from the sister of Private Henry, of the Greely Expedition, asking that the body of her brother should be taken up and an autopsy made.

FOUR ROCKAWAY.—There was a disgraceful scene at the inquest on Friday night in the case of Jacob Meyers, who was killed by a gun shot on Sunday night. Most of the jurors were intoxicated, and threatened the railroad company, threatening to have the tracks torn up to prevent the running of trains to the depot. The Coroner was obliged to adjourn the inquest. It is expected that several arrests will be made after the jury has been discharged.

STATION ISLAND.

SOUTH BRACE.—For some time vessels have been taking sand, Highway Commissioner Butler said that this damaged the new boulevard, which runs along the beach, and while the crew of a sloop were removing the sand yesterday three of them were arrested.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

WHITE PLAINS.—Judge Dylan yesterday appointed the Commissioners of Appraisal for the New-York side of the new Aqueduct. The following were chosen: E. Elery Anderson, of Anderson & Man; Henry E. Spaulding, president of the Central Trust Company, and Robert Murray, of No. 221 West One-hundred-and-thirtieth-st., all of New-York. The Commissioners will meet at the entrance to *The Commercial Advertiser* office. Mr. Sedley, the editor of the paper said: "Our difficulties have been removed; some of the new men have betrayed us. But we are all right; come and see." He led the way to the composing room, where a full force of compositors were at work, and cheerfully remarked, "You see we are not any worse than before."

ASSAULTING NON-UNION PRINTERS.

The trouble in the office of *The Commercial Advertiser* is not yet at an end. The union men yesterday morning persuaded some of the new compositors from going to work, and from that time on, from their tasks. There were three cases of personal violence; two occurred as the printers were going to enter the *Commercial Advertiser* office. Mr. Sedley, the editor of the paper said: "Our difficulties have been removed; some of the new men have betrayed us. But we are all right; come and see." He led the way to the composing room, where a full force of compositors were at work, and cheerfully remarked, "You see we are not any worse than before."

EXTENDING CIVIL SERVICE RULES.

The new regulations for the admission of persons into the civil service of the City of New-York and for the conduct of those in office, were promulgated yesterday by Mayor Edson. They are based upon the rules of last year from which they do not materially differ. The Mayor said, to a *TRIBUNE* reporter

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with regard to them: "In accordance with the provisions of the new laws, regulations have been framed so as to include the Police, Law and Fire Departments, which did not come under the regulations last year. They have been approved by the State Civil Service Commission, as is now required, they are very simple, and I believe that they will accomplish the purpose for which they are intended."

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A FAST TRIP BY THE HAMMONIA.

The steamship Hammonia, of the Hamburg-American Packet Company's line, arrived at Plymouth yesterday, having made the run from this port, a distance of 3,000 miles, in eight days and seventeen hours.

NEVER STARTED THE STORY OF CANNIBALISM.

Captain J. W. Norman, ice master of the *Theba*, never started the story of cannibalism, he never told any person, or led any one to believe from his conversation that cannibalism had been practised by Lieutenant Greely and his command.

ATTEMPTED SMUGGLING PREVENTED.

Eighty yards of silk were seized on the ship Monarch, from Valparaiso, by Customs officers yesterday, and the steward, and he and the captain of the ship were arrested. The steward was arrested, and the captain released on bail.

Attempts to smuggle silk into the country will be prevented by the new law.

COFFEE BROKERS AS FISHERMEN.

There is talk of organizing a "Fiscaled Club" in the Coffee Exchange, owing to the extreme success over the success of some of the members of Pasqua Island a few days ago.

Atmosphere of alarm. — Senator John C. Scott extended his leave of absence to attend the trials of seven fish swimmers, who had been caught by Patrick McManus for \$41,000. Two lots in Seventy-seventh-st., fronting Manhattan Square, were sold by V. K. Stevenson, Jr., to James McManus for \$18,750.

NOT LICENSED TO DECEIVE.

Milton Quinn, against whose vigilance, office of No. 415 Greenwich-st., frequent complainants have had to do with him, and others who declared that they had bad various sums upon the promise of immediate employment, which had not been furnished, has been refused a license by the Mayor's marshal. He sent an inspector yesterday to close up the office, and to cause the man to reflect from the complaints to the revenue to the truth of the statement.

CHANGER IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Former Captain John F. Frost, a member of the Fire Department, and a son of Captain John F. Frost, who died in 1872, has been appointed to succeed him.

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